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SUBJECT: IAEA BOARD AGENDA ITEM 5: AGENCY PARTICIPATION
IN INFCE

1. BOARD DISCUSSION OF AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN INFCE
RESULTED IN BOARD APPROVAL OF PARA 9 OF AGENCY DOC GOV/187
BY WHICH BOARD AUTHORIZED DIRECTOR GENERAL TO PROCEED WITH
ARRANGEMENTS FOR AGENCY PARTICIPATION AS OUTLINED IN
GOV/1877.

2. NUMEROUS GOVERNORS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF AGENCY
PARTICIPATION AS DESCRIBED IN GOV/1877. PLEDGES WERE
ANNOUNCED BY NUMBER OF COUNTRIES TO AGENCY SPECIAL ACCOUNT
FOR 1978 INCREMENTAL INFCE-RELATED EXPENSES. UK PLEDGED
\$45,000; AUSTRALIA \$25,000; AUSTRIA \$15,000; FRG \$75,000.
ARGENTINA PLEDGED AN AMOUNT PROPORTIONATE TO ITS BASE RATE
OF ASSESSMENT; MISOFF INFORMED PRIVATELY THAT ARGENTINE
PLEDGE WILL BE \$7,600. CANADA PLEDGED \$80,000 TO COVER
DURATION OF INFCE (ALL OTHER PLEDGES WERE FOR 1978 ONLY).
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JAPAN PLEDGED UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT, NOTING THAT THEY WOULD
INFORM SECRETARIAT LATER OF AMOUNT OF PLEDGE, AND THAT IN
DECIDING AMOUNT THEY WOULD BE GUIDED BY EXTENT OF
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. PAKISTAN
PLEDGED AN AMOUNT TO BE BASED ON ITS BASE RATE OF
ASSESSMENT.

3. ONLY SURPRISE OF DISCUSSION WAS CRITICAL ATTITUDE OF

SOVIETS WHO, WHILE EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF AGENCY PARTICIPATION, CRITICIZED ITS EXTENT. SOVIETS ASSERTED THAT 61 INFCE MEETINGS WERE SCHEDULED FOR 1978, AND THAT RESULTING DRAIN ON AGENCY STAFF WOULD PROVE DETRIMENTAL TO ONGOING AGENCY PROGRAMS. SOVIETS ASKED THAT NOT ALL MEETINGS BE HELD IN VIENNA, THAT MOST MIGHT BE HELD IN CO-CHAIR COUNTRIES. SOVIETS DOUBTED NEED FOR INFCE PLENARY IN 1978, STATING IT WOULD RESULT IN UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURE OF \$256,000 OF AGENCY FUNDS. THEY DESCRIBED \$341,000 ESTIMATE IN PARA 5 OF GOV/1877 AS QUOTE IRRATIONAL END QUOTE, AND SAID IT WOULD WEAKEN AGENCY AND PROPOSED THAT INSTEAD OF HIRING NEW PEOPLE TO REPLACE AGENCY STAFF ASSIGNED TO INFCE, AGENCY SHOULD LEAVE STAFF ON ONGOING PROGRAMS AND HIRE NEW PEOPLE TO WORK ON INFCE. SOVIETS' REMARKS IGNORED BY OTHER GOVERNORS.

4. CZECHS URGED CONSERVATION OF FUNDS BY MAXIMUM USE OF MATERIAL DEVELOPED IN EARLIER ANALYSES OF SAME QUESTIONS ADDRESSED IN INFCE. ARGENTINA NOTED GOV/1877 DOES NOT , MAKE CLEAR THAT AGENCY WILL PROVIDE TCC SECRETARY; THEY IDENTIFIED THIS AS IMPORTANT FUNCTION. ARGENTINA ALSO STRESSED NEED TO COORDINATE DATES OF WG MEETINGS TO AVOID SEVERAL MEETINGS ON SAME DATE. ECUADOR URGED AGENCY TO GIVE ATTENTION IN INFCE TO LOW OUTPUT POWER REACTORS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; TH XRPLGESTED THIS BE DONE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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